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Syllabus update: Cambridge International AS & A Level Computer Science (9618) for examination in 2021, 2022 and 2023

We have updated this syllabus. The latest syllabus is version 6, published June 2023.

What has changed?		Detail
i	Changes to syllabus content	• 9.2 Algorithms has been updated for clarification. Students are expected to write a flowchart or written description from pseudocode. • For Paper 4, the source files given will not contain binary files. Please see page 34.

Changes to version 5, published August 2021

What has changed?		Detail
i	Changes to syllabus content	• Operands on page 19 have been updated.

Changes to version 4, published June 2021

What has changed?		Detail
i	Changes to syllabus content	• Typographic error on page 14 has been corrected to read Virtual Reality Headset • Operands on pages 18 and 19 have been updated.
i	Changes to assessment	• Paper 4 will assess sections 19 to 20 of the syllabus content, except for low level and declarative programming.

Changes to version 3, published September 2020 and version 2, published November 2018

What has changed?		Detail
i	Changes to syllabus content	**Changes to version 3, published September 2020** • Information about availability on page 36 has been clarified. This syllabus is available in June and November series. **Changes to version 2, published November 2018** – Typographic errors on pages 10, 18, 28 and 34 of the syllabus have been corrected and indicated with a downline.

What has changed?	Detail
Changes to assessment (including changes to specimen papers)	• The front cover instructions have been updated for Paper 4. • Candidates **must** save their work in the evidence document for that task. • If Python is used, it should be console mode. • Paper 1 Mark scheme, 1(a) has been updated. It now reads kibibyte has a binary prefix while kilobyte has a denary prefix

We have updated the specimen materials for this syllabus.

Please check the updated syllabus and specimen papers for further information.

The syllabus has been updated. You are strongly advised to read the whole syllabus before planning your teaching programme.

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